

Reductions for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

**EC778 Senate Rules and Administration**  
(March 27, 2019)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC2598 Senate Rules and Administration**  
(September 17, 2019)

A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3278 Senate Rules and Administration**  
(November 20, 2019)

A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)" (RIN0790-AI27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2019; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3870 Senate Rules and Administration**  
(February 3, 2020)

A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on Fiscal Year 2019 Competitive Sourcing Efforts as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3871 Senate Appropriations and other committees . . .** (February 3, 2020)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committees on Rules and Administration; Armed Services; and Appropriations.

**EC3922 Senate Aging (Special) and other committees . . .** (February 5, 2020)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

**EC4002 Senate Aging (Special) and other committees . . .** (February 24, 2020)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

**EC4003 Joint Committee on Taxation and other committees . . .** (February 24, 2020)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; Joint Committee on Taxation; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

**EC4233 Senate Rules and Administration**  
(March 9, 2020)

A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)" (RIN0790-AK90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2020; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC4234 Senate Rules and Administration**  
(March 9, 2020)

A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**VAISAKHI AND THE 400TH BIRTHDAY OF GURU TEG BAHADUR**

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I rise today to join my Sikh friends, Pennsylvania's Sikh community, and Sikhs around the world in recognizing two important Sikh celebrations taking place this week: (the holiday of Vaisakhi and the 400th anniversary of the birth of Guru Teg Bahadur.

Sikhism traces its origins to the Punjab region of India and has flourished around the world for nearly 600 years. The Sikh tradition is built upon ideals of peace, respect, and equality. Further, Sikhs are dedicated to the principle that every person is created equal before God, no matter their race, gender, religion, or creed. Today, Sikhs number 30 million globally, making

Sikhism one of the world's major religions. Nearly 700,000 Sikhs live in the United States, and many of them have made Pennsylvania their home.

Sikhs share a strong sense of community, family, and selfless service, as evidenced by their commitment to welcoming and serving individuals from all religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sikh communities across the country, including in Pennsylvania, mobilized to deliver meals, groceries, masks, and other supplies to tens of thousands of families in need. In my own travels across the Commonwealth, I have witnessed firsthand the spirit of this community when meeting with Sikh constituents. It is clear they have enriched their neighborhoods and contributed in numerous ways to the growth and vitality of Pennsylvania and the United States.

As a proud member of the American Sikh Congressional Caucus, each year, I join many voices across Congress and the United States in commemorating the holiday of Vaisakhi, which took place on April 13 this year. Vaisakhi marks the spring harvest and serves as a day of reflection of Sikhism's origins. During Vaisakhi, Sikhs commemorate the founding in 1699 of the Khalsa Panth, an order of devout Sikhs who played a fundamental role in cultivating the religion's history and identity.

Traditionally, Sikhs recognize Vaisakhi with parades, dancing, singing, and other festivities. Sikhs also commemorate this special day with community service, both organizing and volunteering in various community projects. In years past, Sikhs from around the country have organized a parade here in Washington, DC to commemorate Vaisakhi as National Sikh Day. While the pandemic has prevented such largescale, public celebrations both last year and this year, I look forward to welcoming Pennsylvania's Sikh community back to D.C. in the years to come.

In addition to celebrating Vaisakhi, Sikhs will also mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of spiritual leader Guru Teg Bahadur on April 18. The Ninth Guru of Sikhism, Guru Teg Bahadur is remembered as a champion of religious liberty for all. In 1675, Guru Teg Bahadur confronted Moghul Emperor Aurangzeb against the forced religious conversation of Hindus, an act for which he was publicly beheaded in Delhi. In giving his life to protect a religion that was not his own, he is fondly remembered by Sikhs as Dhram Di Chadar, or Shield of the Religions.

I extend my best wishes to the Sikh community for the joyous celebrations of Vaisakhi and the 400th anniversary of the birth of Guru Teg Bahadur.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to

the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1868) to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1868. An act to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-663. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-methanol; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 10015-73-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-664. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 10020-23-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-665. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Penthiopyrad; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 10017-27-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-666. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2,2-Dimethyl-1, 3-dioxolane-4-methanol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 10015-73-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-667. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pyriofenone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 10019-55-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-668. A communication from the Army Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Admission to the United States Military Academy” (RIN0702-AB09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-669. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-670. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13928 of June 11, 2020, and revokes that Executive Order; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-671. A communication from the Executive Director, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller’s 2020 Office of Minority and Women Inclusion Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-672. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Statement of Policy Regarding Prohibition on Abusive Acts or Practices; Rescission” (12 CFR Chapter X) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-673. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Texas; Interstate Visibility Transport” (FRL No. 10021-20-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-674. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; South Dakota; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills” (FRL No. 10020-22-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-675. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Compliance and Attest Engagement Reporting Deadlines for 2019 and 2020 Renewable Fuel Standards” (FRL No. 10021-95-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-676. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; California; Infrastructure Requirements for Ozone” (FRL No. 10015-36-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-677. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Maine; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard and Nega-

tive Declaration for the Oil and Gas Industry for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards” (FRL No. 10021-93-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-678. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-679. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.240, ‘Fresh and Spent Fuel Pool Criticality Analyses’” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-680. A communication from the Acting Director of the Human Resources Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, eighteen (18) reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-681. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “2019 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-682. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Computation of Annual Liability Insurance (Including Self-Insurance), No-Fault Insurance, and Worker’s Compensation Settlement Recovery Threshold”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-683. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Coverage of Innovative Program; Medicare Coverage of Innovative Technology (MCIT) and Definition of ‘Reasonable and Necessary’; Delay of Effective Date and Reopening of Comment Period (CMS-3372-IFC)” (RIN0938-AT88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-684. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2021 Calendar Year Resident Population Figures” (Notice 2021-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-685. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2021-0044—2021-0051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-686. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) for fiscal year 2020”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-687. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of